

CLAIMS:

1. An apparatus for use with a patient support including a frame, a mattress positioned on the frame, and a siderail coupled to the frame, the siderail including a patient control, the apparatus comprising  
5 a member configured to be coupled to the siderail and including an external perimeter, wherein the external perimeter of the member is contoured to permit access to a patient control of the siderail.
- 10 2. The apparatus for use with a patient support, wherein the mattress of the patient support and the siderail of the patient support cooperate to define a gap therebetween, of claim 1,  
wherein the member is positionable to substantially block the gap defined by the siderail and the mattress.
- 15 3. The apparatus of claim 2, wherein the member includes a lower portion sized to extend into the gap defined between the mattress and the siderail.
4. The apparatus of claim 3, further comprising a bolster coupled to the member  
20 in a position overlaying a portion of the mattress.
5. The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a bolster coupled to the member in a position overlaying a portion of the mattress.
- 25 6. The apparatus of claim 5, wherein the member includes a support panel and a hook defining a slot, the bolster is coupled to the support panel, and the slot is sized to receive an upper edge of the siderail.
7. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein a surface of the member is covered with a  
30 resilient material.
8. The apparatus for use with a patient support, wherein the mattress of the patient support and the siderail of the patient support cooperate to define a gap

therebetween, of claim 7,

wherein the member is positionable to substantially block the gap defined by the siderail and the mattress.

5 9. An apparatus for use with a patient support including a frame, a mattress positioned on the frame, and a siderail moveable between a raised position blocking egress of a patient from the mattress and a lowered position below the patient rest surface to permit egress of a patient from the mattress, the mattress and the siderail cooperating to define a gap therebetween, the apparatus comprising

10 a member having a first portion positionable in the gap to substantially fill the gap defined between the siderail and the mattress and a second portion positioned directly over the mattress.

15 10. The apparatus of claim 9, wherein the second portion is wedge-shaped.

11. The apparatus of claim 10, wherein the first portion includes a planar member having a lower portion positionable in the gap and a hook member configured to define a slot for receiving the siderail when the siderail is in the raised position.

20 12. The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the member is adapted to be coupled to the frame of the patient support.

13. The apparatus of claim 11, wherein a surface of the planar member is covered with a resilient material.

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14. An apparatus for use with a patient support including a frame, a mattress positioned on the frame, and a siderail coupled to the frame, the siderail being moveable in a longitudinal direction relative to the frame between a raised position blocking egress of a patient from the mattress and a lowered position to permit egress  
30 of a patient from the mattress, the mattress and the siderail cooperating to define a gap therebetween, the apparatus comprising

a rigid support member, and

a gap filler supported by the rigid support member and positionable in the gap to substantially fill the gap defined between the siderail and the mattress.

15. The apparatus of claim 14, wherein the rigid support member is adapted to be  
5 coupled to the frame and is further adapted to be coupled to the siderail when the siderail is in the raised position.

16. The apparatus of claim 14, further comprising a bolster coupled to the gap  
filler.

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17. The apparatus of claim 16, wherein the bolster is in a position overlaying a  
portion of the patient rest surface of the mattress.

18. The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the bolster is wedge-shaped and is made of  
15 a resilient foam.

19. The apparatus of claim 14, wherein an external perimeter of the rigid support  
member is contoured to permit access to a patient control of the siderail.

20. The apparatus of claim 14, wherein the rigid support member is on a first side  
20 of the siderail when the siderail is in the raised position and a second side of the siderail when the siderail is in the lowered position.

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